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On Sunday, April 26, 2009, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a nationwide public health emergency in response to recent human cases of a newly discovered swine influenza A virus. This declaration will help the federal government prepare for prevention and mitigation activities to be proactive in responding to this new virus. Pursuant to State statute, the County has the authority to issue a similar declaration so as to allow it to respond appropriately to protect the public health of the citizens of Los Angeles County.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that as this health emergency came to this Board's attention since the posting of the agenda and immediate action is necessary to address the public health needs, the Board discuss this matter and consider the Public Health Officer's recommendations, including the declaration of a local health emergency, on an urgency basis.

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